

## CUPID IN VAUDEVILLE

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At the stage door, a young and pretty woman, smartly gowned, wrung her hands and wept softly as the truckmen deposited several huge trunks upon the pavement.

"But these are of no earthly use to me here—I can do nothing with them," she cried. "Do you understand?—you have brought me my hotel trunks; see, they are marked hotel?—and you have evidently taken my theater trunks up to the Arlington house. Really, I don't know what to do!"

The truckmen stared stupidly from the girl to the trunks and then back again, grinning somewhat sheepishly. "You'll have to report this error to headquarters, miss," one of them ventured at last. "It ain't our fault. We were sure told to bring these to the theater."

"But only see—they are marked hotel," she insisted, in tears. "All of my stage costumes are in the trunks at the hotel—these contain my street wardrobe. You are stupid—stupid!"

One of the men answered back in a sharp ugly tone of voice, making an uncomplimentary remark about actresses in general, and the others caught it up and echoed his sentiments; then, making sundry unpleasant remarks they turned on their heels and went back to their waiting truck.

Seeing their departure, the girl gave a final little cry, and a man, just coming out of the theater, turned and faced her.

"Is there anything wrong?—can I be of any service to you?" he inquired, quickly, in a low, even voice. In a few words, she told him the trouble, explaining the situation and just how the miscarriage of her trunks placed her.

"All of my stage costumes are in them—the trunks at the hotel, you know. Without them I can do nothing," she ended, in a burst of confidence. "It—it is awful!"

"I understand," returned the man. "And the truckmen refuse to get the others for you?"

"They won't do anything," she cried. "They say I must go to headquarters and they will see to it, but I haven't the time. I must have the costumes right away or I will not be able to play to-night."

"I'll get your trunks," he answered, shortly, and there was a quiet strength in his tones, that carried conviction with it. The girl felt that he would get her trunks, and that very quickly. "You are very good," she smiled back at him.

Looking, he saw that the truck had just turned the corner of the street, and that if he meant to act he must begin at once. He raised his voice and called twice, but the men intentionally mistaking him, whipped up the horse and drove on with all possible speed. "We'll make a run for it—come!" he cried, to the girl. "The scoundrels!—they'll pay for this!"

At the corner they found a cab, and putting her into it, the man bade the driver follow the truck.

On they sped through the crowded thoroughfare, dodging motors, giving way to the trolleys, and narrowly escaping pedestrians.

"We'll have them before we get to the next street," said the man, after a little silence. "They can't possibly keep up at this rate—the police will interfere, and I believe their horse is giving out. What time is it that you go on?"

"What time—why—I follow the intermission, about 9:45," she answered. The man started. "There you are—you must be Miss D'Armonda," he cried in surprise.

"What makes you think that?" she asked, refusing to meet his gaze.

"Because Miss D'Armonda has the star position on the bill this week, and again, your face, I have seen you at the opera, I remember it all now. Last week at Boston, before that at Providence."

"Yes, yes, I played there certainly," she answered. "And now that you come to speak of it, I am sure that I have seen you."

"Possibly you have," he said, quietly. "Although as to your act—?" she began, and stopping, looked at him from under her lashes, waiting for him to set her right.

"I'm afraid you've never seen that," he finished for her, rather grimly. "Of course, it's all nonsense, but you're not Jimmie Weldon, the monologist?" she smiled.

"No," he replied. Then, quickly: "We'll surely catch them at the next corner. See, their horse is gone—played out, poor beast!"

"Poor old horse!" she echoed. On they rolled in the darkness, through narrow streets, around dark corners, up steep hills and down again. The man arose and looking at his watch, called to the caddy to make all possible haste—the time was nine o'clock.

The fellow whipped up the horse who dashed suddenly forward, and turning into a cross street, they came sharply in contact with a west-bound trolley. It was all over in a second, but the man never forgot that fearful moment, when disentangling himself from the debris, he saw the girl's face, colorless, her eyes closed, staring at him.

"Look sharp here—a lady's hurt!" shouted a policeman, pushing his way through the gathering crowd of curious people.

But the man caught her up in his strong arms and carried her across the

street to a nearby druggist's. He walked up and down outside the shop, thinking intensely, while within the physician worked over her. He remembered her now—remembered her!—why he had never forgotten her face a second since he had first seen it, three weeks ago! He remembered how at first he had determined to know her and how he had decided ultimately that such a course would only bring unhappiness to both of them perhaps. So he had tried to avoid her because of what he was and what he had thought her to be—avoid her although he loved her.

And now perhaps she was dying. He entered the shop and approached the physician.

"She is recovering—nothing serious," the man assured him. "Only a fainting spell."

He returned to the open and resumed his tireless walking back and forth. What could he do—what? She would ask him his name, he must in all sincerity tell her and when he did tell her she would know—the truth about him.

She was Miss D'Armonda, a bright, popular vaudeville favorite and he was only—

"Here I am!" said a voice at his shoulder.

He turned and found her standing at his side, a little pale and tired-eyed, but smiling bravely withal.

"I'm sorry I was so silly—I believe I must have fainted," she said, softly. "Oh, as for that, I was afraid—"

"Of what?" she demanded.

"That you were hurt—badly," he replied.

"But I'm not—not a scratch. I only fainted. It was silly of me, wasn't it?"

"No, womanly, and above all things I most admire—" He stopped, remembering the grief which stretched between them.

But she met his glance bravely. "You most admire—what?" she demanded.

"A womanly woman, I was going to say," he told her, laughing lightly.

"Then I'm rather glad I fainted—just as the heroines do in novels," she smiled, demurely.

He made no reply to this last sentence but called a hansom. The truck had long ago disappeared and the only thing left to do was to return to the theater. It was useless to follow them now.

He put her carefully into the cab and jumped in beside her. The horse started off at a comfortable pace, his hoofs ringing pleasantly on the asphalt street.

Presently she said: "I've got something to tell you. Its—its awful."

"Hardly that," she replied. "Tell me about it."

"But it is. I've deceived you, Ned," she said bravely struggling to command her voice.

"You mean?"

"That I am not Miss D'Armonda. There, its out, and I'm glad—I'm not Miss D'Armonda! I only said I was because—because—I wanted you to think me great, famous, a vaudeville star, while in reality I am only a maid."

"Thank God!" came his answer simply.

She nestled closer to him in the darkness of the hansom. "You—you mean it—you're glad?" she cried. "Oh, you couldn't have understood."

"Yes, glad, very glad, little girl," he replied, heartily.

"But you—you are—" she began, very much puzzled.

"I am Fagan—Fagan, that's all, Mr. Jimmie Weldon's dresser," he nodded, laughing happily.

### MIXED ON HISTORIC FACTS.

Australian Had Much to Learn as to Our Revolutionary War.

An Australian traveling in Japan fell into a mixed company in which were an English girl and an American woman. He made himself agreeable to the American at the start by remembering that Americans are accustomed to ride over Niagara Falls in tubs. Then he switched to the War of the Revolution.

"The whole thing was," he said, "that the colonies refused to send England troops to aid her in a foreign war, so the motherland resolved to subdue her naughty children."

"I guess you have confused it with the war in Africa," said the American. "The Boer war has been so long drawn out you thought it was the same as the American revolution."

The little English girl saw there was a misunderstanding somewhere. "There was something about stamps in it," she suggested meekly, "that caused some of the trouble."

"Something about stamps caused a revolution?" demanded the Australian. "Do you mean a stampede, or merely postage stamps? Did the rage for collecting exist in those days?"

But no one enlightened him on this and he was left to assort history to suit himself.—Woman's Heart of Japan.

### Boy Shot Through Tube

A novel experiment to demonstrate the practicability of a pneumatic parcel carrier was recently tried in Chicago. The "parcel" shot through a short length of sample tube was a 13-year-old boy. He traveled at the rate of 18 miles an hour, and was in no way the worse for the journey. J. M. Masten, superintendent of the railway mail service, and Postmaster Campbell of Chicago witnessed the experiment, as representatives of the post office department, which is looking into the device. The inventor declares that with a tube between New York and Chicago mail can be shot from one city to the other in seven hours.

### ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION.

Territory of New Mexico—Office of the Secretary—Certificate of Comparison—I, Nathan Jaffa, Secretary of the Territory of New Mexico, do hereby certify that there was filed for record in this office at One o'clock p. m. on the twenty-fourth day of May, A. D. 1909, articles of incorporation of The Las Vegas Transit Company, No. 5974, and also, that I have compared the following copy of the same, with the original thereof now on file, and declare it to be a correct transcript therefrom and of the whole thereof.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the Territory of New Mexico, at the City of Santa Fe, the Capital, on this twenty-fourth day of May, A. D. 1909.

(Seal) NATHAN JAFFA  
Secretary of New Mexico.

State of Colorado—Office of the Secretary of State—United States of America, State of Colorado, ss—Certificate—I, James B. Pearce, Secretary of State of the State of Colorado, do hereby certify that the annexed is a full, true and complete transcript of the articles of incorporation of The Las Vegas Transit Company, which was filed in this office the twelfth day of May, A. D. 1909, at 10:30 o'clock a. m., and admitted to record.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Great Seal of the State of Colorado, at the City of Denver, this Fifteenth day of May, A. D. 1909.

(Signed) JAMES B. PEARCE  
Secretary of State.  
(Seal of the State of Colorado)

Know all men by these presents, That we, Harry Kelly and Secundino Romero, residents of Las Vegas, in the county of San Miguel, and Territory of New Mexico, and James R. Thorpe, Orin S. Moore and William A. Moore, residents of the city and county of Denver, in the State of Colorado, have associated ourselves together as a corporation under the name and style of The Las Vegas Transit company for the purpose of becoming a body corporate and politic under and by virtue of the laws of the state of Colorado and accordance with the provisions of the laws of the said state, we do hereby make, execute and acknowledge in duplicate this certificate in writing of our intention so to become a body corporate under and by virtue of the said laws.

I. The corporate name and style of our said corporation shall be The Las Vegas Transit Company.

II. The objects for which our said corporation is formed and incorporated are to acquire by purchase, lease or other wise a street railway system or street railway lines operated by electricity or other motive power for the carriage of passengers, mail, express, freight and sprinkling cars over, upon and through any and all streets, roads or other thoroughfares in the city of Las Vegas and in the former town of Las Vegas, and in the county of San Miguel in the Territory of New Mexico; and to own, maintain, operate and extend the same, said street railway now connecting the city of Las Vegas with the said former town of Las Vegas; to acquire by purchase, lease or otherwise and to equip, maintain, use and operate power plants and stations for the manufacture and production of electricity or other motive power, and to use, lease or sell the electric or other power so produced; to buy or lease from others electricity or other motive power for the operation of the said street railway and to operate the same either by means of the trolley electric system, or by means of electricity in any form now known, or which may hereafter be discovered and susceptible of use as a motive power, or by any other kind or kinds of mechanical motive power which in the judgement of the board of directors of said company may be deemed advisable for the use, maintenance and operation of the said street railway system, and any extensions or extensions thereof; to acquire by purchase or otherwise, any and all franchises, easements, rights, privileges and immunities now or hereafter owned, held or claimed by others which may be necessary or useful in carrying out the objects above named; to acquire by purchase or otherwise, stock, and bonds of other corporations and to hold sell or otherwise dispose of the same; to acquire by purchase, lease or otherwise and to hold, own and use real and personal property necessary, convenient or proper for the business of the said company; to borrow money and to issue bonds or other evidence of indebtedness, and secure the same by

mortgage or deed of trust upon its franchises and property, real, personal and mixed, of whatever description and whereever situate; and to do all things necessary, convenient or incidental to the accomplishment of the objects above named.

III. The capital stock of our said corporation is one hundred and fifty thousand dollars (\$150,000.00) to be divided into fifteen hundred (1500) shares of one hundred dollars (\$100) each and said stock shall be non-assessable.

IV. Our said corporation is to exist for the term of twenty years commencing with the date of the filing of these articles of incorporation in the office of the secretary of state.

V. The affairs and management of our said corporation are to be under the control of a board of five (5) directors, and Harry Kelley, Secundino Romero, James R. Thorpe, Orin S. Moore and William A. Moore are hereby selected to act as said board of directors and to manage the affairs and concerns of the said corporation for the first year of its existence and until their successors are elected, and the following persons are hereby designated as officers of the said company during the first year, viz: James R. Thorpe, president; Harry Kelley, vice-president; Orin S. Moore, treasurer, and Charles K. Durbin, secretary.

VI. The operations of our said corporation in the state of Colorado will be carried on in the city and county of Denver, and will also be carried on in San Miguel county, Territory of New Mexico, and the principal place and business office of the said corporation shall be located in the City and County of Denver, and state of Colorado aforesaid.

VII. Our said corporation is formed for the purpose of carrying on part of its business beyond the limits of the state of Colorado, to-wit, in the county of San Miguel, in the territory of New Mexico, and meetings of the board of directors of the said company may be held beyond the limits of the state of Colorado, and in San Miguel county, New Mexico.

VIII. The board of directors shall have power to make such prudential by-laws as they may deem proper for the management of the affairs of this corporation according to the statutes in such case made and provided.

In testimony whereof we have hereunto set our hands and seals on this 3rd day of May, A. D. 1909.

SECUNDINO ROMERO, (Seal).  
HARRY W. KELLEY, (Seal).  
JAMES R. THORPE, (Seal).  
ORIN S. MOORE, (Seal).  
WILLIAM A. MOORE, (Seal).

Territory of New Mexico,  
County of San Miguel, ss

I, Wm. G. Haydon, a notary public in and for the said county in the territory aforesaid, do hereby certify that Harry Kelley and Secundino Romero, who are personally known to me to be the persons whose names are subscribed to the annexed and foregoing certificate of incorporation, appeared before me this day in person and acknowledged that they signed, sealed and delivered the said instrument of writing as their free and voluntary act for the uses and purposes therein set forth.

Given under my hand and notarial seal this 3rd day of May, A. D. 1909. My commission expires January 15th 1913.

WM. G. HAYDON,  
Notary Public.

(Notarial Seal)  
State of Colorado,  
City and County of Denver, ss.

I, Julian H. Moore, a notary public in and for the said city and county in the state aforesaid, do hereby certify that James R. Thorpe, Orin S. Moore and William A. Moore, who are personally known to me to be the persons whose names are subscribed to the annexed and foregoing certificate of incorporation appeared before me this day in person and acknowledged that they signed, sealed and delivered the said instrument of writing as their free and voluntary act for the uses and purposes therein set forth.

Given under my hand and notarial seal this 5th day of May, A. D. 1909. My commission expires May 26, 1912.

JULIAN H. MOORE,  
Notary Public.

(Notarial Seal).  
Endorsed: No. 49472, articles of incorporation of The Las Vegas Transit Company, domestic. Filed in the office of the secretary of state, of the state of Colorado, on the 12th day of May, A. D. 1909, at 10:30 o'clock a. m. Recorded in book—page—

JAMES B. PEARCE  
Secretary of State.  
By Thomas F. Dillon, Jr.  
Deputy.

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Endorsed: Foreign, No. 5974, Cor. Rec'd Vol. 5 page 615, certified copy of articles of incorporation of the Las Vegas Transit Company. Filed in office of Secretary of New Mexico, May 24, 1909, 1 p. m. Nathan Jaffa, Secretary. Compared C. F. K. to O.

Statement.  
Territory of New Mexico—Office of the Secretary—Certificate of Comparison—I, Nathan Jaffa, Secretary of the Territory of New Mexico, do hereby certify that there was filed for record in this office at One o'clock p. m., on the twenty-fourth day of May, A. D. 1909, statement designating agent and place of business in New Mexico of The Las Vegas Transit Company, No. 5975, and also, that I have compared the following copy of the same, with the original thereof now on file, and declare it to be a correct transcript therefrom and of the whole thereof.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the Territory of New Mexico, at the City of Santa Fe, the Capital, on this twenty-fourth, day of May, A. D. 1909.

(Seal) NATHAN JAFFA,  
Secretary of New Mexico.

Statement by the Las Vegas Transit Company.  
The Las Vegas Transit Company, a corporation organized under the laws of the state of Colorado, does hereby, pursuant to the laws of the Territory of New Mexico, state and certify as follows:

1. That the amount of its authorized capital stock is one hundred and fifty thousand dollars (\$150,000.00), and the amount actually issued is seventy-five thousand dollars (\$75,000.00).  
2. The character of the business which it is to transact in the Territory of New Mexico is to own and operate a street railway system in the City of Las Vegas and vicinity, San Miguel county, New Mexico, and to do all things necessary, convenient or incidental to the carrying on of the above stated business.  
3. Its principal office in the Territory of New Mexico will be at the City of Las Vegas.  
4. Said company hereby designates William G. Haydon, a person of full age, actually resident at the City of Las Vegas, in the Territory of New Mexico, as its agent, upon whom process against said company may be served and said agency shall continue until the substitution by writing of another agent.

This statement is made in accordance with the laws of the Territory of New Mexico and pursuant to a resolution of the board of directors of said company.

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